Government/UT Administration concerned. No financial assistance is provided by the Central Government in this regard.

Rice recovery from rice mills

†3315. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of recovery fixed from each of the rice mills situated in the various parts of the country alongwith the details State-wise; and

(b) the reasons for fixing 67-68 per cent rice recovery for Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The quantum of recovery (Out-turn-ratio) has been fixed at the uniform rate of 67 per cent and 68 per cent for raw rice and par-boiled rice, respectively, for all States;

(b) This uniform rate has been fixed based on the recommendations of the Gokak committee during 1994-95 which considered the results of trial milling conducted by three specialised and scientific institutions viz. CFTRI, Mysore; IIT, Kharagpur and PPRC, Thanjavur in various States.

Misuse of Power under Essential commodities Act

3316. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the powers to search and seize under Essential Commodities Act have been delegated to the Oil Corporation officers and police officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that this act only deals with the distribution of essential commodities to the genuine consumers at fixed price and the quality of the product is dealt by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards and other relevant acts; and

(c) what action is taken by Government against the officers for the misuse of powers under Essential Commodities Act?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. apart from dealing with distribution the Act also deals with matters such as production supply made and commerce etc. of the essential commodities.

(c) For any infraction of Government guidelines and orders, action is taken as per extant disciplinary rules as applicable to the official.

Incurring Losses in Super Bazar

3317. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar has been incurring losses of worth several crores of rupees for the past three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the said period, year-wise;

(c) if so, the resons therefor and action taken to rectify the situation;

(d) whether allegations of corruption and irregularities in its functioning have been made by the workers union in the past;

(e) if so, what action was taken in this regard;

(f) whether Government have recently launched a drive to make public distribution more people-oriented; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Super Bazar has informed than it is running in losses for the last three years. The position of the losses is as under:—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	(-) 321.33 (Audited)
1998-99	(-) 706.80 (-do-)
1999-2000	(-) 1365.00 (Unaudited)